CLEANING STREETS

An Early Morning Inspection Tour

by a Star Reporter.

SPICK AND SPAN ASPHALT

Good Results Shown on a Pre-

arranged Trip.

In view of the controversy which has

arisen between the street sweeping con-

head of 12th street at about 9 o'clock at

night, and the sweeping actually begins at

10 o'clock. By daybreak the great revolv-

ing brushes have practically finished their

work, and the machines may be seen slowly

When the superintendent and the re-porter started the force of over two hun-

dred men and more than a hundred horses was scattered over an area of many scores of city blocks, extending from the southern part of the northwest section into the southwest section, or the "Island," as that

part of the city is still known to the old residents. A shower materialized shortly before 6 o'clock, and in some degree pre-

vented a thorough inspection of the work such as the contractor and his representa-

tive desired. Rain is the best street clean-er known, if there is enough of it, and that

which fell on the streets this morning af-ter the machines had done their work com-bined with the apparatus to do a very ef-

fective job. Still the reporter was enabled to see enough of the streets before the rain

came to appreciate that on this morning at least gilt-edged work had been done by the

The Tour Planned in Advance.

Inasmuch as the inspection tour had been arranged in advance it was, of course,

within the possibilities that orders had been

to set their brushes a little more firmly

One of the complaints recently made that

led to this tour was the insufficient use of

water by the sprinklers. No observation could be taken on that line this morning

in view of the fact that the sprinkling and sweeping had been practically all done, and that at the first approach of the rain

the watering carts made a right-about and headed for the stables. Nature had sent the best known of sprirklers to assist the

Early Morning Cleanliness.

who breakfast at 8 and notice dirty streets

on their way down town between 8:30 and

in almost every instance, been deposited there since the machines went over the

there since the machines went over the sphalt. The only way to appreciate the

real work of the street-cleaning force is to get out early in the morning and to make

an inspection before the market wagons,

have begun to make their rounds and he

fore the servant girls have swept off the sidewalks, throwing into the clean gui-

ters quantities of dried leaves, papers and

the passage of the machines and the broom

he said, the sweepers are not perfect, in

view of the inequalities of the pavement, and occasionally little patches of unswept

asphalt vere encountered where the ma-chines in swinging on their routes had

missed the proper line. The superintendent, however, said that his effort was to

lave all of these bad spots covered by the broom men, who were under instructions

to leave the gutters if they should notice

a patch of unswept pavement in the mid-

Slow Work in Dirty Spots.

Owing to the intense heat of the night.

which rendered both horses and men slug-

gish and slow, and also to the shower in

the morning, which made the dirt heavy

and hard to handle, the work was still in

progress in Southwest Washington when

the reporter and the superintendent drove

that way. The brocm men were having an

especially hard time in the gutters where the Belgian blocks are used, the pasty dirt

clinging almost like mucilage to the in-terstices of the stone. One of the gang

had been in the work for fifteen years, ex-

plained that the streets were exceptionally

dirty, even for this section, and for this

time of year, and that the work had gone

very heavily this morning.

A force of four District inspectors is on

duty every right to see that the work is well done. An inspector follows each gang

of sweepers and broom men until about daybreak, when three of them go home,

and one, who is chosen in turn to serve for a short period, undertakes the last two

hours of inspection alone. This morning this inspector made rapid time between

Market space and the vicinity of Blood-

field, attending to both gangs that were then at work. His duty is to see that the

specifications of the contract, which are hereafter given, are fulfilled, and on his

report as to the character of the sweeping

who receives remuneration by the square yard of pavement covered. If the inspec-tor should report a square or a street as being care essly swept, the contractor loses

pay for that space. Mr. LaRowe said that

it was no uncommon thing for an entire street to be cut out in this manner.

Life of the Brooms.

At about 7 o'clock the inspection had ex-

tended sufficiently far to show that on this

morning, at least, the work done was real-

ly beyond reproach, and the carriage was

headed northward from the scene of active

operations. Mr. LaRowe continued to ex-

press his regret that the shower had inter-

vened to prevent a normal showing. He said that one of the great difficulties experienced in the use of Potomac water in sprinkling the street is that at this time of

year, especially, this medium is very mud-dy, and when thrown on the asphalt it

passed over it. In the morning this stain

sliows, and some of the citizens believe that it indicates careless and inefficient

sweeping. He said that the brushes on the machines last on an average of about seven

days. They are of hickory and have to be replaced nearly every week. In some weathers they last longer, as the sweeping is not so heavy, but more than seven days' work is not expected from them. Of course

epends the amount paid the contractor,

foremen, a man whom Mr. LaRowe

dle of the street.

contractor's men and machines.

ly remove them.

contractor.

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Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following: White-Beverly Cole and Bertle L. Oliver, both of Manchester, Va.; Ervin E. Eweil and Alice Priest; Louis F. Brewer and Maria E. Brewer, both of Richmond, Va.: Charles P. Murphy and Florence L. Collier; James G. Henderson and Lucy Sandford, both of Westmoreland county, Va.; Wm. D. Coleman and Annie M. Lo-

Colored-Charles Robinson and Georgie Primus: Jerry Jackson and Fannie Blackwell; James E. Smith of this city and Laura Morris of Bladensburg, Md.; Charles Wood and Jennie Lewis; Edward Chew and Amy Luckett; Leonard Stevenson and Sidney Davis; Lewis H. Jenkins and Susie Butlar, both of Good Hope, D. C.

CREWS NOW MADE UP

Men for the Saturday Regatta Selected.

OARSMEN ARE PRACTICING DAILY

All Arrangements Made for a Successful Affair.

LIST OF COMPETITORS

With the Potomac regatta only four days off the local oarsmen are beginning to grow a bit nervous as to their condition and to wish they had gone into training a bit earlier. They are all in good form, how ever, and they now make use of every spare hour to get accustomed to racing speed and to the upper course. Word comes from Baltimore and Philadelphia of steady persistent work being done on those waters by the crews that are casting covetous eyes on the handsome trophies offered in the Potemac regatta, and the Columbias, Analostans and Potomacs are no wpegging away l'ke good fellows to get."fit" before Saturday afternoon.

Practically everything is in readiness for the races and all that is now required to make a successful regatta is a fine day. If the river should be smooth and the air still doubtless some fast time will be made. The tide is high that day at 12:55 p.m. and is low at 7:16 p.m., so that it will be on the ebb during the races, which are to start at 3 and finish about 6:30. Thus the finishes will be made with the tide, and better races are looked for on that account. The eight-cared events are to be rowed straight away down stream, and good time ought to be made in those races.

The Intermission.

Satisfactory progress is reported by those who have charge of the program in making arrangements for the oddities that are to fill in the intermission between the junior and senior four-oared races. It is probable that there will be a series of interesting canoe and swimming races. The police arrangements, too, are advancing satisfactorily, and no apprehension is felt as to the proper management of the course.

The full and complete entries for all the events have been filed with Secretary Fischer, and the personnel of the crew that are to compete is now a matter of record. The official list shows that the com-peting oarsmen will be as follows: Junior Eights.

First race, junior eights-Potomacs of Washington-C. W. Oliver, bow; Corbin They Are Not So Happy as They Ball, 2; Dr. H. Cockerill, 3; J. A. Oliver, 4; P. T. Gormley, 5; John J. Nolan, 6; W. D. Nolan, 7; Alfred H. Mills, stroke; Chas. G. Warden, coxswain. Columbias of Washing ton-A. H. Conville, bow; Armond A. Lindsford, 2; Charles C. Clark, 3; Charles B. Stewart, 4; Charles R. Jaquette, 5; John R. Shields, 6; Lewis S. Wells, 7; Oscar E. Carter, stroke; Orlando Ross, coxswain. Junior Single Sculls.

Second race, junior single sculls-Roscoe C. Lockwood, West Philadelphia Boat Club; H. T. Maurice, Potomac Boat Club and Peter Moar and Sam A. Boyle, C.A.C. Junior Fours.

Third race, junior fours-Ariel Rowing Club of Baltimore, Wm. H. Weed, bow; F. A. Hancock, 2; W. N. Cummings, 3; E. J. Callahan, stroke; J. Mallory Taylor and Wilbur S. Thompson, substitutes. Columbia Athletic Club-Charles C. Clark,

Senior Fours Fourth race, senior fours:

Analostan, B. C.-Franklin Moore, bow: O. C. Hine, second; R. C. Howard, third; R. Ross Perry, jr., stroke, and Boyd Taylor.

stroke. Columbias-H. W. Blunt, jr., bow: O. W. Hecox, second; Geo. M. Mann, third; Wm. C. McGowan, stroke, and C. Baker, sub. Pennsylvania Barge Club of Philadelbhia-Frank A. Baltz, bow; Homer Mead, stroke; Harry Scott and Geo. W. Van Vliet,

Ariel Rowing Club of Baltimore—Wm. H. Weed, bow; Frank A. Hancock, second; Will M. Cummins, third; E. J. Callihan, stroke; C. W. Rolph and Fred H. Focke,

Light-Weight Fours. Fifth race, light-weight fours, Columbia A. C.-Frank H. Parsons, bow; Claude Lundsford, 2; Edwin Sefton, 8; Jerome Ma-

gee, stroke. Potomacs-Chas. G. Warder, bow; Geo. Von Dachenhausen, 2; J. Hadley Doyle, 3 H. T. Maurice, stroke.

Intermediate Eights.

Sixth race, intermediate eights. Ariels-R. C. Ballytine, bow; J. C. Howard, 2; Franklin Moore, 3; O. C. Hine, 4; S. S. Ludlum, 5; Boyd Taylor, 6; R. C. Howard, 7; R. Ross Perry, jr., stroke; J. W. Stearns coxswain

Columbias-A. H. McConville, bow; H. A. Lundsford, 2; Chas. C. Clark, 3; Chas. B. Stewart, 4; Chas. H. Jaquette, 5; John R. Shields, 6; Lewis S. Wells, 7; Oscar C. Carter, stroke: Orlando Ross, coxswain. Potomacs—C.W. Oliver, bow; Corbin Ball, 2; Dr. H. Cockrell, 3; J. A. Owen, 4; P. T. Gormley, 5; J. J. Nolan, 6; W. D. Nolan, 7; Alfred H. Mills, stroke; Chas. J. Warder, coxswain.

The trophies will be placed on exhibition tomorrow in the show window of Moore & Leding, 1109 Pennsylvania avenue.

Death of Mrs. Catherine Harleston. Mrs. Catherine Harleston died this morning at her residence, "Edgecliff," on the Klingle road, near Mt. Pleasant, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. She had been a resident of this city for forty-four years, and for thirty years was employed in the government departments, being a clerk in the pension office for several years past. She enjoyed a wide circle of friends, B. Harleston, sr., and a native of New York. The funeral will take place from St. Stephen's P. E. Church at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

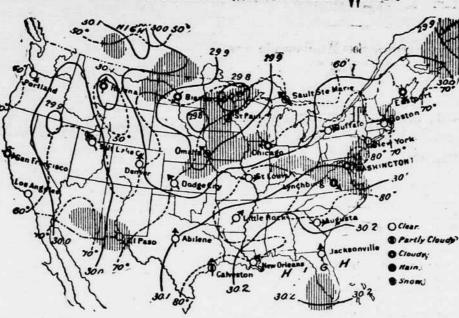
David M. Davis Dend.

Announcement is made of the death of Mr. David M. Davis at Meetze, Va., Monday afternoon. Mr. Davis was well known to the older residents of the District, having been prominent in local politics many years ago. He was a contractor under the board of public works and afterward se-cured a place under the board. At its discured a place under the board. At its dis-continuance he went into the bureau of en-graving and printing, where he remained for a long period. He was fifty-four years old. The funeral services were held today in Virginia and the remains will be priv-ately interred in Rock Creek cemetery.

Terrible Heat in St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 29.-The terrible heat that has prevailed in this city during the last three days has abated but little. The signal service reported the temperature during the past two days at 97 degrees in the shade, but it was much hotter than this at other places in the city. This was higher than the thermometer ranged at any time last year. Mrs. Julia Vollmer, aged thirty-eight, expired in convulsions at her home last evening as a result of the heat.

Mrs. Downey Gets a Divorce. Judge Hagner today granted Minnie Downey a divorce from James Downey on the ground of desertion.

She Wants a Divorce. Ellen M. Eichelberger has petitioned for divorce from Albert F. Eichelberger, the papers in the case being withheld from THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at 8 a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are isobars, or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms, or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

THUNDER STORMS INDICATED.

But the Continued High Temperature Will Last Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Thursday.-For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, conditions are favorable for local thunder storms and continued high temperature tonight and Thursday; southwesterly winds.

For Virginia, conditions are favorable for thunder storms in northern and eastern portions tonight and Thursday; southwest-

Weather conditions and general forecast. An area of low pressure covers the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, while the barometer is still high on the south Atbarometer is still high on the south At-lantic and gulf coasts.

The temperature is above 80 degrees this morning in the south Atlantic and gulf states, in the central Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys, and it is nearly as warm as far north as the lower lakes and southern

New England. Light showers have fallen at scattered points in the Ohio valley and middle states. The weather is partly cloudy in the lake regions and in the east, nearly clear throughout the south and west. Conditions are favorable for thunder storms in the middle states, the lower lake

region and upper Ohio valley. Fair weather tonight, followed by thunder-storms Thursday, is indicated for New

England and eastern New York. The weather will continue fair in the south. No decided change in temperature is in dicated in the south or east. The following heavy precipitation (in inches) was reported during the past twenty-four hours: Tampa, 1.00; Concordia, 1.58.

Tide Table. Today-Low tide, 5:10 a.m. and 5:21 p.m.; high tide, 10:54 a.m. and 11:20 p.m.

Tomorrow—Low tide, 5:51 a.m. and 5:58 p.m.; high tide, 11:34 a.m.

The Sun and Moon Sun rises, 4:58; sun sets, 7:14. Moon rises,

The City Lights. Gas lamps all lighted by 8:15 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 4:10 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named.

Arc lamps lighted at 8:07 p.m.; extinguished at 4:23.

Condition of the Water.

Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 78; condition 2; receiving reservoir, temperature, 81; condition at north connection, 2; condition at south connection, 3; distributing reservoir, temperature, 81; condition at influent gate house, 5; effluent gate house, 6.

Range of the Thermometer. The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 78; 2 p.m., 90; maximum, 91; mini-

BOGUS BUTTER MEN

Were Some Days Ago.

NO CHANCE TO COMPROMISE CASES

Interesting Developments Expected in the Near Future.

WEST VIRGINIA CASES

The wholesale dealers in olemargarine, who are alleged to be responsible for the widespread imposition so long practiced bow; Armond A. Lindsford, 2; Lewis S. Wells, 3; Oscar I. Carter, stroke; Charles B. Stewart and Charles A. Jaquette, subthe manufactured imitation of it under the representation that it was the real article. are not feeling as buoyant and hopeful as they were two or three weeks ago. It will be remembered that some time since the trials of the parties who had been indicted here for violations of the oleomargarine laws were discontinued until the October term of the court. This action was greeted with considerable pleasure by the wholesale dealers, who regarded it in the nature of a respite that might be, by deft manipulation, extended indefinitely. They were aware from personal experience that the internal revenue authorities were not aware to compromising cases where the oleomargarine laws had been violated by the payment of certain specified sums into the fraud fund of the United States Treasury Department or the internal revenue branch thereof.

Influences Were Not Potent. It was believed by the wholesale dealers alluded to that the powerful influences at their disposal would be sufficient to cause the internal revenue people to procure the dropping of the prosecution against the parties indicted in the District and now awaiting trial, on the plan of compromise above indicated. The attempt was made to carry out this idea, but it failed, al-though it is alleged that a very large sum was offered in the shape of fines for the purpose. Consequently when October rolls around the prosecution of the oleomargarine cases will be continued by District Attorney Birney with the same vigilance and energy that characterized his management of them in the spring.

The "Stripping' Process. It is probable that other interesting developments of the manner in which the illegal sale of imitation butter is carried on in this section of the country will be forthcoming in a short while. It is known that very little oleomargarine in the original packages is being shipped into Washington at present, but it is believed that a large quantity of it is disposed of here, nevertheless, being brought into the city after having been "stripped" of all ves-tiges of its real character, such as the law demands shall be placed upon it, at a point removed from the District. It is said that the internal revenue authorities are in possession of information which will lead to the apprehension of the parties enworst offenses under the oleomargarine law and which means penitentiary sentences for those found guilty of it.

Up in West Virginia.

Another case that will probably be productive of much interest to some of the Washington oleomargarine men is one that occurred some time ago in Wheeling, W. Va. A prominent firm of commission men there was found by internal revenue agents to have seventy tubs of oleomargarine in its possession which was not marked in accordance with law, and which, to all appearances, contained butter, and which was offered for sale as butter. When the members of the firm were confronted with this condition of affairs they declared that they had bought the article from parties in Washington, that they had bought it for butter and were not aware that it was anything else until they were arrested. It is alleged that the Washington parties who furnished them the stuff prevented the prosecution of the firm by paying fines to the internal revenue authorities amounting the internal revenue authorities amounting to \$1,500. It happened that a number of smaller dealers in Wheeling and other por-tions of West Virginia were also found to have unmarked oleomargarine in their possession, which they were selling for butter at butter prices, and which they had pro-cured for butter either directly or through the firm above alluded to from the same Washington parties. They were also confronted with the alternative of standing a trial or paying the compromise fines, and they chose the latter, but, unlike the com-mission firm mentioned, they were com-pelled to pay their own fines themselves, and consequently they are inclined to make things interesting for the parties who were responsible for all their trouble and ex-

The Treasury Policy Criticised. The general impression prevails among the reputable dairymen and butter dealers throughout the country that the internal revenue department is entirely too susceptible to the offers of compromise made by violators of the oleomargarine laws to save

the chance of receiving sentences of im-prisonment, as well as a fine, in case of conviction. The claim is made that when the government gets a tax from the manupassed along the line for the machine men the government gets a tax from the manufacturers of oleomargarine, another tax from the wholesale dealers in it, and still another from those who sell it at retail, that it should be satisfied, so far as the financial receipts in the traffic are concerned, and not compromise cases where there has been a palpable violation of the law, and the settlement of which allows the transgressors to continue the illegal business, feeling confident that the same course will be followed with them in case they are again caught at their tricks. and to bear more heavily on the streets. Mr. LaRowe, appreciating this phase of the situation, assured the reporter at an early stage of the journey that such was rot the case, and that the results that appeared along the streets were in every respect normal and ordirary. Indeed, on some of the down-town stretches that were swept after the rain had begun to fall Mr. LaRowe contended that the best of work was not being done, because, he asserted, the tendency of so much water on the asphalt is to make the powders and dirt fragments that form the street refuse stick DISTRICT GOVERNMENT. to the smooth surface, from which the bickory brushes of the machines can hard-

Contract Awarded.

The Commissioners have awarded the contract for naphtha street lighting to the Pennsylvania Globe Company of Philadelphia, Pa., the present contractors. The contract involves the lighting of about 1,100 lamps at an annual cost of \$20 per

This contract, like the others for street lighting, has been somewhat of a puzzle to the Commissioners. After first advertising the contract was not awarded to the lowlder, because of a flaw in the specifications. The bids were readvertised, and several of the first bidders dropped out. Among others who submitted bids was the Potomac Light and Power Company. It was finally decided to test the several 9 o'clock are not apt to realize that the burners submitted and award the contract street was swept anywhere from two to upon the showing made, taking into consid-eration the price. After a thorough test of the burners, the board appointed to ineight hours before, and that since then the dirt that appears on the surface has, the burners, the board appointed to investigate the matter reported that while the bid of the Pennsylvania Globe Company was the highest, the candle power of the burner more than offset the result of the test of the lowest bid. Accordinly Capt. Burr recommended a contract be entered into with the Pennsylvania Globe Company and this was approved by the Commissioners today.

Lights on Vehicles.

ters quantities of dried leaves, papers and other forms of street refuse. In view of what the reporter saw this morning it is fair to assert that probably 90 per cent of the dirt noticed on the street by citizens in the morning has been placed there after Acting upon the recommendation of the wheelmen, the Commissioners have called upon the attorney for the District, Mr. S. T. Thomas, to render an opinion upon the power of the Commissioners to pass a police regulation requiring all private vehicles to carry lights after dark. Some years ago the street, unmistakably due to insuffice the street, unmistakably due to insuffice the street, unmistakably due to insuffice the street. power of the Commissioners to pass a powhen the Commissioners issued the regulacient swe-ping. Mr. LaRowe admitted that these cases were bound to occur, for, tion requiring all public vehicles to show lights after dark, this very question came up, and the Commissioners at that time without questioning their power in the premises decided that it would be inexpedient to require private vehicles to carry lights, and so restricted the regulation to public vehicles. At that time, when the subject was under consideration, the Commissioners received a number of letters from private individuals protesting against including in the order the private vehicles. The attorney was also requested to pass upon the power of the Commissioners to

issue roving police commissions to a certain number of bicyclists. Heretofore it has been the policy of the Commissioners to issue commissions only for certain terri-tories. In the case under consideration, to wheel all about the city and make arrests whenever violations of law with spe-cial reference to moving vehicles are to their attention.

The opinion of the attorney is being watched for with great interest. Should be decide that the Commissioners have the power to compel private vehicles to provide lights after dark, the Commissioners will doubtless so amend the police regulation brought to their attention. as to include all vehicles moving after dark.

INQUIRIES AS TO COINAGE.

A Circular of Information Being Prepared by Director Preston.

So numerous are the questions brought to the treasury by every mail seeking information relative to financial and currency matters that the clerical force of the director of the mint has been totally unable to answer them. All evailable copies of the report of the director for last year, which contained tables and information that would answer a large portion of the queries, have been exhausfed, and at last the department has his upon the device of printing a circular containing in succinct form statements of facts relative to the coinage, bullion production, circulation per capita in various countries and such in-formation as will meet the needs of the many persons who are now seeking facts on which to base conclusions respecting the issues of the campaign. The matter the issues of the campaign. The matter embodied in this circular has been carefully considered and has the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. It is expected that the circular itself will be received from the printer for distribution before the close of the week.

Bids for Paving Opened.

Bids have been opened at the Navy Department for paving the approaches to the Naval Academy at Annapolis with vitrified brick, for which there is available the sum of \$21,000. Six bids were received from the Western Granite Company of Virginia of evaporates so quickly as to leave a cirty Baltimore, the Abbatt Gamble Construction on the surface after the machines have Baltimore, the Abbott Gamble Construc- stain tion Company of St. Louis, George Jewell of Annapolis, Andrew Gleeson of Washington, D. C., the Barber Asphalt Company of Washington and Smith & Brady of Balti-more. Some of the bids were informal and others were not in strict accordance with the specifications. The bid of the Abbott Gamble Construction Company is apparently the lowest, but that point cannot be accurately determined without further figuring. The award of the contract will not be made until the return of Admiral Ramviolators of the eleomargarine laws to save say, chief of the bureau of navigation, who themselves from the publicity of trials and is now finishing up a short vacation.

efficiency ma; be discovered between the life of a broom and the zeal of the drivers. Desirable Changes in the Contract. While the street sweeping contract is in itself, according to the belief of the Commissioners, sufficient to protect all the city's interests, there are at least one or two places where improvements could well be made. The District is divided into secbe made. The District is divided into sections and from these sections routes are selected for sweeping and cleaning. Some of the streets are swept every day, others three times a week, others twice a week and a few only once in a week. Should it rain on any of the days scheduled for sweeping the contractor is not required to go there the next day and clean that street but it was over until the turn comes.

street, but it goes over until its turn comes again according to the schedule. If on that day the weather is bad the street is ne-glected again, and it is this neglect that has been responsible for so much com-plaint on the part of the citizens. It was suggested yesterday by a complainant in Georgetown that the contractor should be allowed an extra force of machines and men to operate them to sweep these streets that through the intervention of the weather are neglected, the first night

weather are neglected, the first night thereafter that the weather permits.

The superintendent of street sweeping believes that such a provision should be made. His idea, however, is to have all the work done by day's labor under the direct supervision of the District. He has already recommended this in a communication to the Commissioners and will again bring it to their attention in his annual. tractor and certain of the citizens who complain of the methods employed in cleaning the paved streets of Washington Star reporter made a journey this mornng, in company with the superintendent for the contractor, Mr. LaRowe, at an hour when the great majority of people were asleep. The start was made shortly after bring it to their attention in his annual bring it to their attention in his annual report. He also believes that street cars should be compelled to sprinkle their tracks and recommends that each road be equipped with one or more watering 5:30 o'clock, and the route was a devious one, following in a haphazard way the course covered by the machines in the northwestern section during the night. The machines and gangs leave the stables at the

The inspectors of the street sweeping department are furnished each day with a schedule of the streets to be swept. These are arranged in tabulated form, with space are arranged in tabulated form, with space enough on either side for deductions in square yards for inferior service. The lergth of each street and of each route in square yards is given, and it is upon these rejorts that the contractor is paid.

In his contract the contractor subscribes to the following conditions under the head "Manner of Cleaning." making their way back to the stables in batteries of from three to nine, according to the width of the street. "Manner of Cleaning:" The Specifications.

"The streets will be cleaned in the following manner: Each street will be first sprinkled by a watering cart to lay the dust; the sprinkler will be followed immediately by the sweeping machines, which will sweep from the center of the streets to the gutters on each side; the sweepings will be collected at once into heaps and then removed in carts.
"Sufficient water to be used in sprin-

kling to prevent the raising of dust in sweeping. The contractor will see that no sweepings are thrown into traps or drops, and will remove from the mouths or throats thereof any material lying therein. Should any sweepings be thrown upon the sidewalks they must be removed by the contractor. tractor. "The daily sweeping must be done be-

tween the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. in the summer and 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. in the winter. The sweepings must be removed from the streets within two hours from the time of sweeping. In special cases the Commissioners may direct such a variation from these hours as in their judgment shall be advisable. "Should the work of sweeping or removing sweepings be necessarily delayed or suspended the time lost may be allowed in addition to the hours fixed in the preced-

addition to the hours fixed in the preceding paragraph, but the Commissioners shall be the sole judge as to the necessity of such delay or suspension, and their decision thereon shall be final.

"While work is in progress loud talking on the part of employes and unnecessary noises of all kinds are prohibited. Such disturbances will be suppressed by the police, but the contractors will be held responsible for the enforcement of this specification.

fication. The sweepings will be the property of the sweepings will be the property of the contractor. They may be temporarily deposited at such points as with the ap-proval of the Commissioners he may select, but they shall not remain in such temporary dumping grounds for a longer period than forty-eight hours, and nothing in this contract shall be held to give the contractor the right to violate the health or dinances of the District of Columbia.

"The sweepings must include everything in the nature of dirt, refuse, ashes, etc., which may be found upon the carriage-The trip was made at the early hour menstreets in violation of the city ordinances, tioned for a special reason. Residents and parties so placing them are liable to punishment for so doing. The District authorities will use every reasonable endeavor to prevent such deposits, but the contractor must accept the risk of removing all such refuse as may be found on the streets. wherein strict compliance with the above provisions is not observed."

Under the head of general stipulations

the District reserves the right to suspend the contractor from the work for failure to commence the same at the time specified and the contractor is also required to be prepared to do any extra work that may ordered.

Choctaw and Street-Sweeping. To the Editor of The Evening Star: Contractor Daggett expresses himself to

the effect that "a great deal is written about street-sweeping by people who know a little on the subject or of the requirements of the contract" as he knows of the Chectaw language. That is a somewhat vague opening for the defense. He may know a great deal about Choctaw, but if he does not know any more about it than he appears to know of the street-sweeping instance to which I directed attention in Saturday's Star, his presumable confession of ignorance has sound basis. With Mr. Daggett's argument as to The Star's eminently proper editorial I have nothing to do: The Star is fully able to make good its allegations. But I must crave the privilege of replying to those portions of the Daggett communica-tion which sneer at my vision and impugn my sanity. If the contractor knows any-thing about his business he knows that his sprinklers can throw a four-foot strip of water on the street surface; not when the two sprinklers attached to each wagon are operating at full capacity, but when only one sprinkler is feebly attempting to moisten. He also must know that such semi-sprinkling as I complained of is a practice, for one of his employes has told me that the economical use of water is favored whenever any kind of an excuse can be found for shutting off some or all of the flow. It did rain last Friday afternoon, but 13th street between T and U was wholly dry—I rode over it on my blcycle—until the dribbiy sprinkler came along and made its feeble mark down the center of the highway; then all but about four feet was dry. In fairness to himself, the contractor should not try to give any one the impression that the sprinklers and sweepers were merely using 13th street as part of a route to some point where work was actually to begin I know absolutely nothing of Choctaw, but I do know that the schedule under which the contractor works provides that 13th street northwest between Florida avenue and New York avenue shall be swept twice a week—Tuesdays and Fridays. I saw the operation Friday evening and sent you a fair description of it.

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